



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
1000 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, S.W.
ATTN: GC-62 (HQ) MS 6F-067
WASHINGTON DC 20585-0162

COPY MAILED

MAR 25 2008

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of	:	
Todd et al.	:	
Application No. 10/602,654	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: June 25, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. S-99,482	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 4, 2008, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before December 24, 2007, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice), mailed September 24, 2007.¹ A supplemental Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability was mailed on December 10, 2007.

Petitioner asserts that the Notice dated September 24, 2007 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Notice, and, in the absence of any irregularity, there is a strong presumption that the Notice was properly mailed to the practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Notice was not in fact received. In this regard, the showing required to establish the failure to receive the Notice must consist of the following:

1. a statement from practitioner stating that the Notice was not received by the practitioner;
2. a statement from the practitioner attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Notice was not received; and
3. a copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Notice would have been entered and docketed had it been received must be attached to and referenced in the practitioner's statement.

¹ It is noted that the original Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability was not scanned into the record.

See MPEP § 711.03(c) under subheading "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action," and "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993). The petition satisfies the above-stated requirements. Accordingly, the application was not abandoned in fact.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center AU 1793 technical support staff for re-mailing the Notice of Allowability and the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of September 24, 2007. The period for paying the issue and publication fees and submitting corrected drawings will be reset to expire three (3) months from the date the Notices are re-mailed. This period is not extendable under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlema Grant', followed by a stylized flourish.

Charlema Grant
Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions